



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**  
SEPTEMBER 2004

**WHEREAS**, gynecologic cancer is the fourth largest cancer killer of women in the United States and more than 80,000 will be diagnosed this year alone; and

**WHEREAS**, to take full advantage of the advances made in the detection and treatment of these cancers, women must be well-informed about early signs and symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation and the Department of Health and Human Services are working with physicians, community partners and the media to provide women with the information they need and promote the importance of additional research into understanding the causes, finding effective screening and prevention strategies, and developing improved therapies for gynecologic cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize and applaud the valuable role that families and advocates of gynecologic cancer victims play in helping our medical community advance the fight against these diseases; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2004, **GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State